



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant

: Richard Lauder, et al.

Application No.

: 09/779,184

Filed

: February 8, 2001

Title

: OPTICAL NETWORK STRUCTURE

Grp./Div.

Examiner

: David C. Payne

Docket No.

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated November 13, 2003 for 1 month(s) from February 13, 2004 to March 13, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

| CALCULATION OF FEE | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| LENGTH OF EXTENSION | SMALL ENTITY | LARGE ENTITY | FEE |
| WITHIN FIRST MONTH | \$ 55 | \$ 110 | \$110 |
| WITHIN SECOND MONTH | \$ 210 | \$ 420 | \$ |
| WITHIN THIRD MONTH | \$ 475 | \$ 950 | \$ |
| WITHIN FOURTH MONTH | \$ 740 | \$1480 | \$ |
| WITHIN FIFTH MONTH | \$1005 | \$2010 | \$ |

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110 to cover the cost of the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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